

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 151
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Westmoreland Mayor
Reba Akins on being selected "Citizen of the
Year".

WHEREAS, each year, after a rigorous selection process, the Sumner County *News Examiner* chooses its "Citizen of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming choice for 1997 "Citizen of the Year" was Mayor Reba Akins of Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, officials praised her exceptional service to Westmoreland, stating that her tireless effort to improve the city's image, her professionalism to city government and the manner with which she addresses the city's problems were determining factors in the choice; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Akins was first elected to public office in 1992 when she was elected to the Westmoreland City Council, and received considerable praise for her exemplary service in this important area; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Reba Akins was elected Mayor of Westmoreland, and has served admirably in that position; and

WHEREAS, her lengthy list of beneficial accomplishments include reorganizing the Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce, serving on their Board of Directors as well as being a valued member of Leadership Sumner; and

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WHEREAS, these projects have been worthwhile examples for other communities to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Akins is an active and devout member of the New Hope General Baptist Church in Westmoreland; and

WHEREAS, her countless accomplishments aside, Mayor Reba Akins is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Dean, their two children, Jill Wright and Randy Akins, two grandchildren, Jeremy Akins and Melissa Wright, and one great-grandchild, Amber Akins; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause to recognize a woman who has meant so much to Westmoreland and the state of Tennessee and salute her numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mayor Reba Akins of Westmoreland on being chosen "Citizen of the Year".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.